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SUBJECT: TRADE COMPLAINT: THE NIRK COMPANY, IDAHO VS. TOMMY

YEO, SINGAPORE (CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST)

REF: USDOC 08556

1. JULY 22, 1977 EMBASSY RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM  
MR. TOMMY H.S. YEO OF SINGAPORE ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE  
IN A TRADE DISPUTE WITH NIRK ARCHERY COMPANY OF IDAHO.

2. ACCORDING TO MR. YEO, NIRK ARCHERY COMPANY, WITHOUT  
WAITING FOR AN AGREED-UPON LETTER OF CREDIT, SHIPPED  
A CONSIGNMENT OF GOODS BY SEA FREIGHT, WHICH MR. YEO  
MAINTAINS CONTAINED SHORTAGES AND DISCREPANCIES  
AGAINST THE TERMS IN THE LETTER OF CREDIT.

3. NIRK REQUESTED THAT TOMMY H.S. YEO FILE A CLAIM  
FOR SHORTAGES. HOWEVER, SINCE MR. YEO HAD REMOVED  
THE CRATE FROM THE PORT OF SINGAPORE AUTHORITY PREMISES  
TO EXAMINE THE GOODS, THE CARRIER AND THE PORT OF  
SINGAPORE AUTHORITY WILL NOT ENTERTAIN ANY CLAIM.  
MR. YEO MADE COMPROMISE OFFER TO NIRK WHICH WAS REFUSED.  
NIRK THEN TURNED OVER THE ACCOUNT TO MID-CONTINENT  
ADJUSTMENT COMPANY OF MORTON GROVE, ILLINOIS, A COLLECTION  
AGENCY.

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4. EMBASSY REPLIED TO MR. YEO'S LETTER, STATING THAT  
PERHAPS HE COULD MAKE A PARTIAL PAYMENT ON THE CONSIGN-  
MENT TO SHOW "GOOD FAITH". MR. YEO REPLIED IN HIS  
LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 7, 1977 THAT SINCE NIRK ARCHERY  
HAD TURNED THE MATTER OVER TO THEIR SOLICITORS, HE  
HAD DONE LIKEWISE.

5. MATTER RESTED THERE UNTIL MARCH 21, 1978 WHEN EMBASSY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM NIRK ARCHERY AGAIN ASKING FOR OUR ASSISTANCE AND REQUESTING THAT MR. TOMMY H.S. YEO FILE A CLAIM AGAINST THE DELIVERING CARRIER FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES. EMBASSY COMPLIED WITH NIRK'S REQUEST. MR. YEO CONTACTED THE EMBASSY AND REITERATED HIS ORIGINAL POSITION THAT CLAIM COULD NOT BE MADE SINCE THE GOODS HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PORT OF SINGAPORE AUTHORITY PREMISES. MR. YEO FURTHER STATED THAT IN VIEW OF TIME ELAPSED, HE WOULD CONSIDER RETURN OF FULL SHIPMENT TO NIRK AS SETTLEMENT. EMBASSY WROTE TO NIRK INFORMING THEM OF YEO'S OFFER. TO DATE WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS MATTER.

EMBASSY HAS EXPLAINED TO NIRK AND YEO OUR WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST BUT INABILITY TO REFEREE OR TO FORCE SOLUTION. WE PLAN NO FURTHER ACTION THIS CASE; APPRECIATE DOC ASSISTANCE IN EXPLAINING LIMITATIONS ON EMBASSY INTERMEDIATION TO SEN. CHURCH.

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